Transmission/Delivery of Money Orders Through FAX

872. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJ-DAR: Will the Minister of COM MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ta ken. any decision for transmission/ delivery of money orders through FAX In the country;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme would also cover the State of Assam; and

(d) what are the other States which are proposed to be covered under this Scheme by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir,

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Convenion of Telephone Exchanges into Electronic Exchanges

873. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJ UMDAR: Will the Minister of COM MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of electronic Telephone exchanges which are functioning in the State Q(f Assam at present;

(b) what is the number of telephone exchanges which are to be converted into electronic exchanges in Assam by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the amount to be spent on this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) 231 electronic exchanges are functioning in the State of Assam as on 31-3-93,

(b) 3 exchanges are proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges during Eighth Five Year Plan

(c) Rs. 6,32,62,013/-.

ISD/STD Facility in Telephone Ex. changes of Assam

874. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJ UMDAR: Will the Minister of COM MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tele phone exchanges in Assam which are provided with ISD/STD facilities so far;

(b) what is the number of tele phone exchanges to be provided with ISD/STD during the end of Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what is the amount to be spent on this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE: OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) 151 Telephone Exchanges in Assam are provided ISD/STD facilities as on 31.3.93.

(b) All Telephone Exchanges are proposed to be provided with ISD/ STD facility by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan.

(c) The amount is calculated on year to year basis:—It depends upon the type of technology avail able.

Telecommunication and Telegraph Office in the Districts of Punjab

875. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICA TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tele communication Centre/Telegraph Office at Abohar and Fazilka where new SFT channels have been provi ded are not working properly be cause of non-airconditioning causihg great difficulties to people and medk;